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SUBJECT: ICCS BUDGET: US CONTRIBUTION

REF : STATE 205237 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY DELIVERED US TREASURY CHECK 579,476 IN THE AMOUNT OF US\$5,698,764.47 TO ICCS DIRGEN NUR OCOTBER 18 UNDER COVER OF TRANSMITTAL LETTER BASED ON CONTENTS REFTEL. COPIES OF LETTER ALSO PROVIDED ICCS OCTOBER CHAIRMAN ESZTERGALYOS AND EACH DELEGATION.

2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

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I ENCLOSE U.S. TREASURY CHECK 579,476 IN THE AMOUNT OF US\$5,698,764.47

TO THE ICCS AS THE FINAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CURRENT ICCS BUDGET, ENDING MARCH 31, 1974.

THIS AMOUNT REPRESENTS THE REMAINDER OF THE U.S. SHARE (23 PERCENT) OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES TO BE AN APPROPRIATE BUDGET LEVEL FOR THE ICCS FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD, THAT IS, US\$40 MILLION. AFTER DEDUCTING PAST U.S. CONTRIBUTION, WHICH TOTAL US\$3,501,235.53, FOR \$9.2 MILLION (WHICH REPRESENTS 23 PERCENT OF US\$40 MILLION), THE BALANCE IS US\$5,698,764.47, THE AMOUNT OF THE ENCLOSED CHECK.

THERE HAS NOT BEEN, HOWEVER, FOUR PARTY AGREEMENT ON THE BUDGET LEVEL FOR THE ICCS, AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 14(D) OF THE ICCS PROTOCOL

TO THE JANUARY 27 AGREEMENT. AS THE ICCS IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET BY THE FOUR PARTIES HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE INABILITY OF THE FOUR PARTIES TO AGREE ON A BUDGET LEVEL.

THIS FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT IS DUE TO THE TOTALLY UNREASONABLE POSITION TAKEN BY THE DRV, WHICH HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO APPROVE A BUDGET AT BUT A FRACTION OF THE LEVEL OF THE BUDGET PROPOSED

BY ALL FOUR NATIONS COMPRISING THE ICCS, WITHOUT CONSIDERING THAT THE EXPENDITURES AND COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE ICCS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF ITS INITIAL PERIOD WOULD LEAVE NOTHING FOR THE LAST HALF,

AND WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR THE TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED AND UNFAIR BURDEN THEIR PROPOSAL WOULD IMPOSE ON THE FOUR NATIONS COMPRISING THE ICCS. IN VIEW OF THE NEEDS OF THE ICCS FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED STATES FEELS IT CAN NO LONGER DEFER A FURTHER U.S. CONTRIBUTION PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF BUDGET APPROVAL.

WHEN THE FOUR PARTIES SUBSEQUENTLY REACH AGREEMENT, IF THE FIGURE IS LOWER THAN THAT ON WHICH THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED STATES IS PRESENTLY BASED (US\$40 MILLION), THE UNITED STATES WOULD EXPECT TO BE GIVEN CREDIT TOWARD ITS SHARE OF THE NEXT ICCS BUDGET ACCORD-
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INGLY.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE FULL AND COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THE ICCS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THOSE AGREEMENTS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN INDOCHINA, A GOAL TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED. THE UNITED STATES, THEREFORE, FULLY EXPECTS THAT THE

ICCS SECRETARIAT AND ITS MEMBER DELEGATIONS, ALL OF WHOM APPROVED THE BUDGET SUBMISSION OF MORE THAN US\$40 MILLION, WILL EXERT ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE PRIVATELY, AND PUBLICLY IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY, TO SECURE FROM THE DRV AND THE PRG COMMITMENTS TO MAKE WITHOUT DELAY FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS PERMITTING THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE ICCS AS OUTLINED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENTS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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CHIEF, ICCS LIAISON UNIT

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